

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Bhogapura, Andhra Pradesh, India

Name of Applicant: National Investment Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Name of Project: Bhogapura International Airport

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of the greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport (BIA). BIA will be a state-of-the-art airport with modular facilities for both domestic and international passengers and cargo capacity to accommodate the projected air traffic. The Airport will be designed to adopt an airfield layout to accommodate code E aircraft (B777 Series/B787 Series/A330 Family) with occasional Code F aircraft (BOEING 747-8/AIRBUS A-380-800). The airside facilities will include passenger and cargo terminal buildings, runway systems, aprons, taxiways, airfield lighting systems, air traffic control towers, Navigational Aid Systems (NAVAIDs), utilities and infrastructure including approach road, car parking, power supply system, stormwater drainage system, and sewage treatment plant. BIA is part of a planned development of the area, which is expected to include city side developments such as hotels, hospital and office buildings as well as residential development.

Land required for the airport, city side development and residential development was acquired by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from 1465 landowners from 7 villages. A total of 405 families were physically displaced and resettled in one of two resettlement villages established near the proposed airport. No forest lands were impacted by the land acquisition. No designated archaeological or cultural resources are located within 10 km of the proposed Project. There are no protected areas within 50 km of the site. The Project site is a mix of modified habitats and highly fragmented natural habitats. The site does not contain critical habitat, although some habitat may be considered suitable for some vulnerable species.

The Project is expected to have approximately 5500 workers during the construction phase and 1000 workers during the operational phase. A construction camp for migrant workers will be developed by the construction contractor.

Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale. The Project has been reviewed against DFC's categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. The Project is screened as Category A because the Project involves the construction a greenfield international airport which could have significant environmental and social impacts that are diverse and irreversible. The major environmental and social concerns related to the Project include noise impacts, impacts on air quality during the construction phase, large volumes of solid waste and sanitary wastewater that must be properly managed, and occupational health and safety concerns. The land acquisition negatively impacted some landowners and livelihoods, but the Project is expected to generate significant employment opportunities during the construction and operating phases.

Environmental and Social Standards: The project will comply with local environmental, social, labor, health and safety regulations.

Location of Local Access to Project Information: N/A